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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 97-80; PP Docket No. 00-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, July 10, 2003, Kevin Leddy, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Development, Time Warner Cable, David Housman, Vice President, Corporate Development, Charter Communications, Chris Bowick, Senior Vice President of Engineering and CTO, Cox Communications, Paul Glist of the law firm of Cole Raywid & Braverman, Robert Perry, Vice President, Marketing, Mitsubishi Digital Electronics America, Inc., Brian Smith, Vice President, Technology Policy & Standards, N.A., Philips Consumer Electronics North America, Michael Petricone, Vice President, Technology Policy, CEA, Lawrence Sidman, from the law firm of Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, representing Thomson Consumer Electronics, Robert Schwartz, of the law firm of McDermott, Will and Emery, and I met with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and his Legal Assistant, Catherine Bohigian.

We discussed issues regarding the proposals submitted to the Commission by cable system operators and consumer electronics ("CE") manufacturers on December 19, 2002, which are the subject of the above-referenced dockets. The group asked that the Commission act promptly on those proposals. The discussion reflected filings made by the cable and CE industries in these proceedings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Neal M. Goldberg**

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cc: Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Catherine Bohigian